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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 22,2003, and having a period for response set to expire on August 22, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.